

other clearances and infrastructure planning at stage-I before a project is finally approved for implementation at stage-II.

- (ii) Intensive monitoring of projects at various levels. This enables the monitoring agencies to identify constraints and help the management in taking remedial measures.
- (iii) In-depth critical review of the progress by the project authorities and administrative Ministries.
- (iv) Setting up of Task Force/Empowered Committees for speedy finalisation of contract packages, solving land acquisition and other problems.
- (v) Close follow up by the Department of Programme Implementation, concerned administrative Ministries and project authorities with the State Government, equipment suppliers, contractors, consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.
- (vi) Inter-ministrial coordination and interation.
- (vii) Emphasis on preparation of realistic project implementation plan.
- (viii) Review by the Committee of Secretaries of the specific projects facing constraints.

[Translation]

Shortage of Houses

1617. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted with regard to the shortage of houses in the rural areas;

(b) whether it has been ascertained blockwise as to how many additional dwelling units are required in the backward and poor areas of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). As per the estimates, there is a housing shortage of 14.5 million houses in rural areas. Out of this, 14.5 million houses, 10.31 million houses would need upgradation and 4.19 million houses would need to be built. A programme for the construction/upgradation of these houses will be phased in the

following manner:

Year	House to be	
	Built	Upgraded
	(In lakhs)	
1996-97	10.5	25.8
1997-98	10.5	25.8
1998-99	10.5	25.8
1999-2000	10.4	25.7
Total	41.9	103.1

(d) Question does not arise.

[English]

Backlog of SC/ST

1618. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of SC/ST persons provided employment in Central services during the last five years;

(b) whether any backlog of posts reserved for them remain unfilled;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the backlog is expected to be cleared; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONYAN) : (a) The information is not centrally maintained.

(b) and (c). Under the 5th Special Recruitment Drive for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, As on 01.04.95, 17,228 backlog vacancies were identified for being filled up. Of the vacancies assessed under the Drive, according to reports received upto 30.06.96, 8,879 Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates have since been recruited.

(d) and (e). The Unfilled reserve vacancies were reported to be mainly due to non-availability of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates with requisite specialised skills or technical qualifications. Government have since launched the Sixth Special Recruitment Drive in 1996 for filling up backlog vacancies, as on 01.07.1996.

Report of Watch Asia

1619. SHRI JAGATVIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the report

of "Watch Asia" of Human Rights Agency on terrorists activities in J&K;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). The latest report of Human Rights Watch Asia entitled "India's Secret Army in Kashmir: New Patterns of Abuse Emerged in the Conflict" released on 19.05.96 is full of baseless allegations and observations. The report attempts to discredit all those who have discarded the path of violence and terrorism and returned to the democratic method of seeking redressal of grievance. The report helps the cause of terrorists and their mentors across the border. Apart from the general allegations, certain specific allegations of violations by security forces have also been described in the report. Detailed response refuting the various allegations made therein alongwith facts in respect of individual cases mentioned in the report has been sent to our missions aboard on 10.06.96 for countering the propaganda.

Oil Refineries

1620. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number and places of oil refineries functioning at present;

(b) the installed capacity of all the centres separately;

(c) whether Indian Oil Corporation have any plan to open more offices in the country particularly in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b). The details are as under :

Name of the Company	Location of the refinery	Capacity (MMTPA)
1	2	3
1. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC)	1. Guwahati	1.0
	2. Barauni	3.3
	3. Koyali	9.5
	4. Haldia	2.75
	5. Mathura	7.5
	6. Digboi	0.5
2. Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd. (HPCL)	1. Bombay	5.5
	2. Visakah	4.5

	1	2	3
3. Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd. (BPCL)		Bombay	6.0
4. Madras Refineries Ltd. (MRL)		Madras	6.5
5. Cochin Refineries Ltd. (CRL)		Cochin	7.5
6. Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (BRPL)		Bongaigaon	2.35
7. Crude Distillation Unit of MRL		Narimanam	0.50
8. Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited		Mangalore	3.0

(c) and (d). IOC have no plan to open any new office in the country, particularly, in Kerala.

Oil Pool Account

1621. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact Rs. 4,000 crores were withdrawn from the Oil Pool Account in 1993-94 to show a lower fiscal deficit in budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds withdrawn was paid back to the Oil Pool Account;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

[Translation]

Disposal of Letters form M.P.s

1622. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the punishment prescribed for such officers who do not follow the instructions in regard to the disposal of the letters from Members of Parliament as contained in para 57 and 60 of office instruction of the Central Secretariat rules;

(b) whether the Government have issued any instructions in this regard;